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Letter dated 21 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In the context of the Security Council summit on nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament to be held in New York on 24 September 2009, I have the honour to forward certain important points that Pakistan feels should be considered in regard to general and complete disarmament under effective international controls and non-proliferation in all its aspects (see annex).

It is requested that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 21 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Important points regarding nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation

- The need to ensure a balanced outcome with regard to non-proliferation and disarmament issues

- The Security Council should not prejudge the process in the Conference on Disarmament or lay particular emphasis on work in the Conference on Disarmament on any particular issue, such as the fissile material cut-off treaty

- The outcome should promote the security interests of all States

- Disarmament and non-proliferation arrangements should be multilaterally negotiated, non-discriminatory and based on the principle of equal and undiminished security for all States

- The right of all States to participate on an equal footing in multilateral disarmament negotiations

- The primacy and centrality of the role of the United Nations in the spheres of non-proliferation and disarmament, in accordance with its Charter, must be reaffirmed

- Concrete progress towards nuclear disarmament and the primary responsibility of militarily significant States for halting and reversing the arms race

- The imperative to address asymmetries at the global and regional levels, which generate a sense of insecurity among States

- The need to strengthen the nuclear non-proliferation regime by bringing all States on board in an equitable and realistic manner

- Counter-proliferation efforts should not impede international cooperation in materials, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes

- The need to evolve universal and non-discriminatory criteria for international cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including nuclear power generation for energy security

- In parallel with efforts in the area of the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and disarmament, the need to promote balanced reduction in conventional forces and conventional arms control at the global, regional and subregional levels

- Support for efforts by States to promote arms control, restraints and confidence-building measures at the regional and subregional levels

- To further the objectives of non-proliferation and disarmament, threats to peace must be reduced, and to that end effective action should be taken to eliminate tensions and settle disputes by peaceful means